

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated January 9, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 44-59 are pending in the application; claims 1-43 have been withdrawn from consideration; and claims 44 and 52 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

The Examiner objects to the declaration for failing to identify the citizenship of inventor Kohen. Applicants are in the process of preparing a correcting declaration for inventor Kohen and will submit the same in due course.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 44 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicants submit the claims as previously presented were patentable subject matter under 101. In addition, the Examiner rejects claims 44-59 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Libman in view of Myers, Cherin, Forbes, Carson, Crosby, and BarNiv.

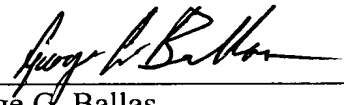
Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Claims 44 and 52 have been amended to more clearly recite the elements of the claims. Accordingly, and at least for these reasons, claims 44 and 52 are allowable over the cited references. Claims 45-51 and claims 53-59 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence on claim 44 and claim 59, respectively.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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